

HAWKINS WORLDWIDE DNA Project

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Project site: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/>.

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I'll be doing some traveling over the next six weeks. If you do not get an immediate response from me, please be patient.

I have been a bit disappointed over the past two months at the lack of new participants. About the same number are sending in a "join request," but they are not following through after being approved for participation. I am not sure why this is so, but I hope to see some improvement in June (I am going to cross my finger when I send the join approval, offer a positive thought to the Gods, and walk around my chair twice in each direction). Possibly you have a special magic trick that you would share with me (I can keep secrets - promise).

Seriously, though, I do need your help. We need to increase the numbers participating in the program. Consider the following that I copied from a DNA discussion site. "It is an awesome responsibility to do ALL the recruiting. One person cannot be expected to know all the various lines etc of a surname. The Project Administrator does bear the responsibility of keeping it "alive". I think the members of the project are very instrumental in recruiting via word of mouth and "email". They are also invaluable in suggesting ideas to the GAP [administrator]. There does have to be a "named" person to keep abreast of information, coordinate and distribute any new information to the participants. This cooperation is after all what makes it a GROUP PROJECT." [my underlining]

Are you having a Hawkins Reunion this year? Consider collecting donations to have some of the most distant cousins in your group tested. Hopefully you have the perfect paper records, but the mutations that occur in the separate lines need to be identified now for succeeding generations. Think about it.

Results of our Hawkins project achieved to date:

Number of participants.....	25
Sample kits not yet returned.....	00
DNA results received.....	25
Awaiting test results.....	00
Unique Hawkins lines established.....	14
Participants using or upgrading to the Y-DNA25 test = 20.	
Participants using or upgrading to the Y-DNA37 test = 05	

Please note that I have created a logo that is at the top of our web site. Coordinators and participants are granted permission to copy and use it as a part of your correspondence and any presentations to the public. If you need a higher resolution image contact me.

Go to <http://www.familytreedna.com/dna101.html> for “everything that you want to know” about DNA and surname projects.

You can go through every thing in a short time. Probably after the first “go-thru,” there will be some “huh?” But, read it through two or three times, each time on a different day, and you’ll be singing, “I believe I’ve got it.”

The site also contains among many other things, a downloadable Power Point Presentation about Genetic Genealogy, and a flash presentation about the lab process. You can also ask for fliers (as many as you need) and a DVD or VHS copy of their video, and they will send them free of charge.

When you receive emails from FamilyTreeDNA.com, either stating that your test results are available or emails telling you about matches, there is a link at the bottom of the email that takes you directly to your Personal Page at FamilyTreeDNA.com. After you click on this link to go to your Personal Page, be sure to bookmark or add the link to Favorites. This will save you time in the future, and with one click you will be at your Personal Page. [Will not have to enter your codes.]

Re mtDNA: When you go to the Hawkins Group to place an order as a new member, you will see the following prices:

\$179 mtDNA (as opposed to non-group at \$229)

\$239 mtDNAPlus (as opposed to non-group at \$299)

When any group member that has already tested wants to add-on the mtDNA, he'll see the following lower prices because we already have the DNA in house:

\$160 mtDNA

\$219 mtDNAPlus

In any case, as it can be seen, Family Tree DNA extends lower mtDNA prices for Groups.

Max at FTDNA (concerning DNA samples), "Each vial - if we have a good scrapping - has enough DNA for much more than just 2 tests. But if after 2 attempts we didn't get a good result, it means that the DNA in that vial is not good. If vial B has a good scrapping, it will not only be good for the tests that we need, but many more.

Items of interest copied from the Genealogy-DNA-List at Rootsweb.com:

- In a message dated 5/24/04 7:48:43 AM Pacific Daylight Time,
 - > Can someone give me a good reason why I should not post my DNA results on my web site.
 - > Is there anyway that this information could be used by someone to my detriment?

Your DNA results from genealogical tests reveal nothing about your personal traits or medical conditions. The tests use "junk" DNA -- sections which don't code for anything. Your DNA profile (whether Y or mtDNA) is shared with anyone who shares a common paternal/maternal

ancestor, so it can't be used to uniquely identify you in criminal proceedings, either. But one scenario where posting DNA results could have repercussions is if one participant's results reveal a non-paternity event in his lineage. That can be very traumatic, especially if it turns out that the non-paternity event was recent. Anyone who signs up for a DNA test should be aware that this happens once in a while. Ann Turner - GENEALOGY-DNA List Administrator

- ... we recommend people start with two people who are known relatives (e.g. 2nd cousins), check that there is indeed a genetic link, and then work back up the genetic tree by testing cousins who are a little more distant. That 2-5% non-paternity rate does show itself occasionally and researchers and participants should be aware of this before they take the Y-chromosome test. Kind Regards, Alastair [DNA Heritage]
- When the surname doesn't match, and the Y DNA result matches, a decision needs to be made as to whether to pursue the match. The match could be the result of any of the following:
 1. convergence
 2. adoption
 3. extra marital event
 4. related before the adoption of surnames
 5. change of name

-----Old Stuff-----

Pass the hat and share the testing cost.

"R1b (most of the Hawkins lines) is just too common to settle for a 12 marker test. You'd do well to advise anyone expected to match this first result to start with the 25 marker test and save time and (a little) money."

The last surnamed male descendant (where a still living last male Hawkins has no children or only daughters) in anyone's line should be tested, and the 37 marker test should be used. I receive so many contacts from Hawkins females that no longer have a living Hawkins male to test. Cost sharing among the family would certainly be appropriate in this case. DNA testing for genealogy is still in its infant stage, and I think some really amazing advances will be made in the next couple of years. A sample on file ensures that new discoveries will benefit descendants.

If you maintain a web site with Hawkins information, please add a link to our Hawkins DNA Project.

Please advise us of any planned Hawkins reunions for 2004. We would like to list them indicating the patriarch, place, dates, and any other special information.

If you know someone that would like to be on the project information mailing list, please send me their name and email and I'll add them. Anyone that desires not to be on the list should request removal.

Feel free to copy this letter to anyone that you feel would have an interest.

To participate in the HAWKINS Project: http://www.familytreedna.com/surname_det.asp?group=Hawkins

-----Please Note-----The HAWKINS project is open to any variation of the name (Hackins, Haikins, Hakins, Harkans, Harkens, Harkin, Harking, Harkings, Harkins, Harkinson, Harkis, Haskins, Haukins, Hawckins, Hawken, Hawkins, Hawkin, Hawkines, Hawkings, Hawkins, Hawkinson, Hawkis, Hawkyns, Haykins, Horkins, etc.).

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Administrator (No remuneration received for this endeavor.)

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